

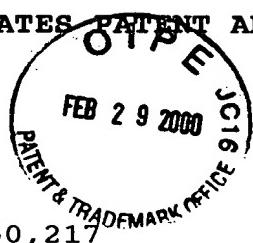
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For: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF A LACTIC RAW MATERIAL

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT**

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Applicants have received a filing receipt for the above-identified application and respectfully request the following corrections.

1. Add the reference to foreign applications as follows:

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2. Change the title of the application to  
**--PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A LACTIC RAW  
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A copy of the filing receipt with the requested changes marked thereon is attached, along with a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney in support of this request for correction.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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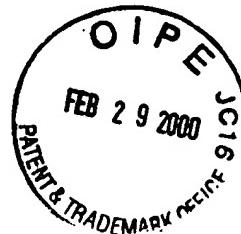
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for which a patent application was filed in the United States on November 29, 1999 as application no. 09/450,217.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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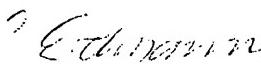
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